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Dear Parent or Caregiver,

Cardiff University is going to be conducting a research study about language development at your child's school. If your child is in Reception, and has no neurodevelopmental diagnoses, we would love for them to take part.

What does taking part involve?

On the day that I visit your child's school, your child and I will play together with some toys at a table. Following this, they will play some fun games on an iPad. In total, this will take around 20 minutes. If your child wishes to stop, then they will be free to do so at any time.

Audio-visual recordings of your child will be made while they are taking part. These will be stored securely, and only accessed by key members of our research team. The study has received ethical approval from the School of Psychology Research Ethics Committee, Cardiff University.

Does my child have to take part?

No, taking part is entirely voluntary.

What is the research for?

This research is designed to help us understand how children learn new words and signs. We are particularly interested in learning more about the best way to teach signs, such as Makaton, to children in Reception. We are currently looking for children with no neurodevelopmental diagnoses. However, we hope that this research will also inform future understanding about how children with diagnoses such as Down syndrome learn signs.

What happens to the results of the study?

It is our intention to publish the results of the project in academic journals and present findings at conferences. Your child will not be identified in any report, publication or presentation.

Who am I?

I am a Postgraduate Researcher, based in Cardiff University Centre for Human Developmental Science. I am an experienced researcher with this age group, and I have the appropriate government checks. Prior to this, I worked in a pre-school with children aged 2 – 5 years.

What will you receive in return?

Each child will receive a Cardiff University certificate to thank them for taking part.

If you are interested in taking part:

If you wish for your child to take part, please complete the consent form and return it to your child's teacher. You can change your mind at any time by e-mailing us.

If you would like to discuss any part of the project, contact Kate at: babylab-embodied@cardiff.ac.uk

Yours sincerely,

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